

**LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT /
TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION (IGC) COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011 / 3:00 P.M.**

Call to Order at 3:00 P.M. / Roll Call

Present: Frank R. Spence -- Town Manager, Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Jim Rockett -- Town Council Member, Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Clete J. Saunier, P.E. -- LGWCD Administrator (Meeting Moderator)
Darlene Crawford -- LGWCD Secretary-Treasurer

Also Present: Lynnette R. Ballard -- Administrative Secretary, LGWCD

Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation led by Mr. Saunier.

SUBJECT: AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Saunier requested the addition of Agenda Item 11(a) entitled, "FDOT / State Road 80 PD&E Pond Siting Report."

Ms. Crawford requested the addition of Agenda Item 11(b) regarding discussion of dependent districts.

There were no other additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Spence made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

ACTION: **MOTION PASSED 4 TO 0.**

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2010 IGC COMMITTEE MEETING. Mr. Saunier asked if there were any additions, deletions, or comments to the minutes from the November 19, 2010 IGC Committee meeting. There were none.

MOTION: Mr. Spence made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2010 IGC Committee meeting. Mr. Rockett seconded the motion.

ACTION: **MOTION PASSED 4 TO 0.**

SUBJECT: NON-DISTRICT ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY. Mr. Spence stated that, at the Town Council's last meeting on January 18, 2011, the Town Council agreed by consensus to direct him to prepare a road maintenance policy.

Mr. Saunier stated the District would require a petition from the affected landowners who would like to receive courtesy grading. Mr. Spence agreed.

Mr. Rockett stated there was some confusion as to whether the District would courtesy grade a road due to inaccessibility.

Mr. Spence stated he has been authorized to obtain bids from outside maintenance companies to do vegetation removal work that the District would not typically perform.

Mr. Saunier noted that accessibility to the roads by the District requires a 15-foot width and 20-foot height due to the size of the District's road maintenance equipment.

Ms. Crawford suggested the Town establish a policy that would prioritize the requests for road services. Mr. Spence agreed.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: STATUS OF BRIDGE / CULVERT AT 148TH TERRACE NORTH. Mr. Saunier stated he has received the drawings associated with the proposed bridge culvert at 148th Terrace North. He noted the drawings will need to be modified. The alignment of the bridge culvert is centered on a presumed 60-foot easement width, which does not exist. The bridge will need to be realigned with the existing thirty (30) foot road easement.

Mr. Spence asked for confirmation that the bridge would basically remain the same. Mr. Saunier replied that it may remain the same structurally. Mr. Saunier noted there were no estimates of cost prepared by the engineer.

Mr. Spence stated the Town Council has authorized him to request sealed bids, and the Town will need to have finalized plans that meet the District's specifications for interested contractors and bidders to use.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: TOWN COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF DISTRICT'S REVISED LOCAL BILL. Mr. Spence reported that, at the last Town Council meeting (January 18, 2011), the Town Council unanimously approved Resolution 2011-001, supporting the District's revised Local Bill. Mr. Spence stated that Trela White, attorney

for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, has stated that the current language is acceptable to all parties involved, and the proposed Local Bill will be presented to the League of Cities Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Ms. White has indicated that she will withdraw the League of Cities' objections.

Mr. Spence stated at the December meeting of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the Delegation granted a temporary postponement (TP) of the District's proposed Local Bill, with the condition that an acceptable bill be resubmitted to the Legislative Delegation by the February 2, 2011 public hearing and that the District obtain a sponsor.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: FP&L – RELOCATION OF POWER POLES ON NORTH “C” ROAD. Mr. Saunier stated he met with Don Kiselewski, Bill Thomas, and Juan Kalvo, of Florida Power & Light on January 18, 2011 regarding the relocation of power poles on North “C” Road. Mr. Saunier stated approximately 6,700 feet of utility lines and 27 utility poles are affected. However, there will be more than 27 poles to relocate because of new wind storm code requirements.

Mr. Saunier stated FP&L's position is that they already have prescriptive easement rights of the current location of the poles and are therefore content with the existing line locations. They would not feel comfortable asking their ratepayers to fund this work.

Mr. Saunier stated FP&L's System Expansion Division may have plans to upgrade this utility line, however, Mr. Kiselewski was not certain of this. He indicated that he would see if there is an upgraded transmission line being considered by them.

Mr. Saunier requested FP&L inspect the integrity of the line. He asked about the obsolescence factor of the poles, i.e., when they deteriorate beyond their ability to hold the lines up, depending on what type of poles are involved. The green poles last up to 30 years, and other poles last considerably less. FP&L is conducting a visual inspection on the lines to determine what year they were installed, and to determine whether or not they are FP&L lines. Poles that are angle-cut at the top are FP&L poles; and flat-cut poles are AT&T poles. The entity that has the most poles in that area is the line owner/responsible party.

Mr. Saunier requested FP&L prepare a letter indicating what their position is, and what the estimated cost would be to relocate the lines to the west side of the canal right-of-way. FP&L (rough) estimated a cost of \$15,000.00 per pole for relocation.

Mr. Rockett stated he would like to have the option of requesting a short-term solution of relocating six critical poles, whether they are moved five feet, ten feet, etc. Mr. Saunier stated the cost would still be \$15,000.00 per pole. Mr. Rockett stated he understood, and it would still be less expensive.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: STATE ROAD 80 / FDOT PD&E STUDY "POND SITING" REPORT. Mr. Saunier stated he attended a meeting at the Florida Department of Transportation headquarters in Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, January 20, 2011 regarding pond siting associated with the State Road 80 Planning, Design & Environmental (PD&E) Study. Mr. Saunier stated this is a very conceptual, preliminary study at this time. It involved ranking and rating potential pond sites based on a number of factors (e.g., zoning, land use, right-of-way, cost, flood zones, etc.).

Mr. Spence inquired about the purpose of a pond. Mr. Saunier stated the purpose of a pond is to retain and/or pre-treat stormwater run-off from the roadway before it is discharged into a primary canal system.

Mr. Saunier stated the next FDOT team meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2011, and the next public hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2011.

Mr. Saunier stated the Project Manager for C3TS is Sylvia Beltre, and the Project Manager for the FDOT is Daphne Spanos.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF DEPENDENT DISTRICT. Ms. Crawford stated a landowner who used to be a Town Council member claimed that the subject of the District becoming a dependent district had not been discussed during previous IGC Committee meetings. Ms. Crawford stated there also seems to be interest among Council Members from Wellington and Royal Palm Beach.

Ms. Crawford stated she does not recall being approached by any Town Council members or Town employees that think the Town is ready to take over the District's responsibilities.

Mr. Rockett stated this subject is not on the Town's agenda. Mr. Spence agreed.

Mr. Spence stated discussion of this item was necessary at a time where there was a confrontational attitude between the Town and District. However, through the letter that was sent to the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, which was jointly signed by the Town and District, the working relationship between the two boards has never been better. Also, the working relationship between both administrators has never been better. Mr. Spence stated he sees no need at this time to consider the District becoming a dependent district. He explained that the Town and District have an interlocal agreement for road maintenance, the Town has a funding source, the Town already assists the District in providing lump sum payments to contribute to the maintenance of District roads. Mr. Spence stated the Town and District currently have a very good relationship, and he sees no need to explore this option at this time.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: SETTING OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME. The IGC Committee agreed to schedule its next meeting for Friday, February 25, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the District office.

Darlene Crawford will remain the designated District representative for January 2011-February 2011. Ryan Liang is the next designated Town representative for February 2011-May 2011.

There was no further discussion by the IGC Committee on this item.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.
ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Saunier stated the District's website (www.lgwcd.org) contains the latest version of the District's proposed local bill, together with a summary fact sheet that explains the proposed local bill.

Ms. Crawford asked whether would have already considered an interlocal agreement between the Town and District if it would solve the problem so that the District did not have to proceed with the lobbying and legislative change effort.

Mr. Saunier explained that the District thoroughly investigated that option. By law, the Town would not be able to acquire the necessary public road easement rights because the Town has not had the required road experience and maintenance responsibility as provided by law.

Ms. Crawford requested confirmation that, even if the District became a dependent district to the Town, there would still be a lengthy waiting period before easements could be acquired. Mr. Saunier replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Spence stated the solution that was determined by the Town and the District is the best solution. Mr. Spence stated the legislative lobbying effort is the most expeditious method by which the District can resolve this issue.

Ms. Crawford announced that this year's Relay for Life event will be held on April 2, 2011, and encouraged everyone to participate.

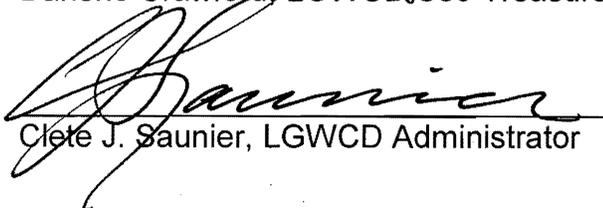
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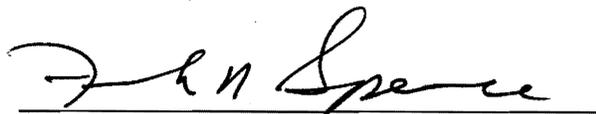
There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned by the Committee at 4:15 p.m.


Darlene Crawford, LGWCD Sec-Treasurer


Jim Rockett, Town Council Member


Clete J. Saunier, LGWCD Administrator


Frank R. Spence, Town Manager